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1. IN ADDITION TO THE STATEMENT TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL U.S.
DELEGATE FORD ALSO MADE THE FOLLOWING INTERVENTION IN THE
DEBATE JANUARY 21:

QTE I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN WHAT ACTIONS THE U.S. GOVERN-
MENT HAS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS EXPRESSIONS OF LATIN
AMERICAN CONCERNS AND WHAT HAS BEEN THE VALUE OF THE
ROLE OF THE SCCN?

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AT THE MARCH, 1974 MEETING OF THE AD HOC TRADE GROUP IN

QUITO, ECUADOR, THE LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER SEVERAL PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE BILL WHICH WAS THEN PENDING IN THE U.S. SENATE HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE DELEGATION OF THE U.S. EXPLAINED AT THAT TIME THE PROBABLE INTERPRETATION OF THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE BILL AS IT WAS THEN DRAFTED. IN ADDITION, THE U.S. DELEGATION AGREED TO MAKE THE LATIN AMERICAN CONCERNS KNOWN TO THE COMPETENT U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. IT WAS POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THIS DID NOT IMPLY THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION AGREED WITH ALL THE VIEWS SET FORTH. THE U.S. DELEGATION TRANS-

MITTED THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED AT THIS MEETING TO ALL APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AGENCIES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

AT THE NOVEMBER 11-14 MEETING OF THE AD HOC TRADE GROUP IN GUATEMALA, THE U.S. DELEGATION NOTED THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT ONLY IN THE SCCN BUT IN UNCTAD AND GATT. ON THAT OCCASION THE U.S. DELEGATION STATED THAT:

QTE LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THEY (THE CONCERNS) HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN DETAIL IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND, IN SOME CASES, IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT. INDEED, THE AMENDMENTS OFFERED BY SENATORS HUMPHREY AND BENTSEN WERE DIRECTED AT SOME OF THESE CONCERNS. SOME OF THESE AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. I REFER TO THE CHANGE IN THE \$25 MILLION LIMIT, THE EXEMPTION OF PRODUCTS NOT PRODUCED IN THE U.S. FROM THE 50 CEILING, THE PROVISION FOR PRIOR CONSULTATION. QUITE FRANKLY, AT THIS TIME THE PRIORITY EFFORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION ... ARE DIRECTED AT MANDATORY AMENDMENTS RESTRICTING THE ELIGIBILITY OF BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES. UNQTE

THEREAFTER, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, INCLUDING SECRETARY KISSINGER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS, SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVES AMBASSADORS EBERLE AND MALMGREN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLITMAN AND OTHERS, GAVE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE CONGRESS AND CONSULTED COUNTLESS HOURS WITH THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH TO AMEND OR MODIFY THE MANDATORY EXCLUSION PROVISIONS.

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TORY EXCLUSION PROVISIONS.

AT THE DECEMBER 10-12 MEETING OF THE SCCN THE CONCERNS OF THE LATIN AMERICANS WERE EXPRESSED IN THE QTE DECLARATION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ON THE U.S. TRADE BILL UNQTE CIES/CECON/225. THE U.S. DELEGATION RESPONDED AT THAT TIME THAT THE ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTED SEVERAL PROVISIONS TO WHICH THE DECLARATION OBJECTED, NOTABLY THE

COMPETITIVE NEED FORMULA AND THE NON-ELIGIBILITY OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO IMPORT RELIEF MEASURES. NEVERTHELESS, THERE WERE OTHER PROVISIONS, MOST NOTABLY THE MANDATORY EXCLUSION PROVISIONS, WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION WAS ACTIVELY OPPOSING. DESPITE THE OPPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH THE MANDATORY EXCLUSION PROVISIONS WERE RETAINED IN THE FINAL VERSION OF THE ACT. THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH MAINTAINS ITS CONCERN OVER THESE RIGIDITIES, AND WE ARE EXAMINING WITH THE CONGRESS TO SEE WHAT LEEWAY EXISTS.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE RECOUNTED THIS HISTORY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN FULL NOTE OF LATIN AMERICAN CONCERNS. IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WE

GENERALLY SHARED YOUR ANALYSIS, WE SPARED NO EFFORT TO HAVE THE TRADE BILL MODIFIED. ON OTHER ASPECTS OR PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE BILL WHERE WE DIFFERED, WE HAVE EXPLAINED OUR POSITION TO YOU BOTH IN THE SCCN FORUM, AND IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. KISSINGER

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